

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DETECTION AND
TREATMENT REGARDING BREAST CANCER

OCTOBER 19, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BLILEY, from the Committee on Commerce,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 278]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 278) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

H. Res. 278 is a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

An estimated 175,000 Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 and almost 45,000 will die of the disease. It is the leading cause of cancer death among women between the ages of 40 and 55. Breast cancer can often be successfully treated if detected early. Self examinations, mammograms, and other preventative procedures are essential to detecting cancer in a timely manner.

The resolution provides that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should take an active role in the fight against breast cancer by using the above stated methods of detection. In addition, the resolution states that the Federal Government is responsible for raising awareness about the importance of early detection, continuing to fund research so that the causes of breast cancer can be discovered, and considering ways to improve access to health care services involving breast cancer.

HEARINGS

The Committee on Commerce has not held hearings on the legislation.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On September 30, 1999, the Subcommittee on Health and Environment met in open markup session and approved H. Res. 278 for Full Committee consideration, without amendment, by a voice vote. On October 13, 1999, the Full Committee met in open markup session and ordered H. Res. 278 reported to the House, without amendment, by a voice vote, a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House requires the Committee to list the record votes on the motion to report legislation and amendments thereto. There were no record votes taken in connection with ordering H. Res. 278 reported. A motion by Mr. Bliley to order H. Res. 278 reported to the House, without amendment, was agreed to by a voice vote, a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has not held oversight or legislative hearings on this legislation.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no oversight findings have been submitted to the Committee by the Committee on Government Reform.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY, ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TAX EXPENDITURES

In compliance with clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that H. Res. 278, a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives re-

garding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer, would result in no new or increased budget authority, entitlement authority, or tax expenditures or revenues.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

The Committee finds that H. Res. 278 will result in no new costs to the Federal government.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE

A cost estimate provided by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was not timely submitted to the Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts to fight against breast cancer.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

This legislation does not amend any existing Federal statute.

